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Although facilities will experience an increase in the (risk unit) billing rate this year, this rate has not significantly changed in the past two billing years. In Fiscal Year 03-04, this Department decided to keep the risk unit rate the same as Fiscal Year 02-03. The total program cost is less this year; however, rates are increasing because of a smaller number of facilities, and hazardous materials inventory reductions or substitutions. Variations in the risk unit rate are caused by the number of facilities and their inventory levels to spread the program costs. Staffing has also been reduced accordingly.

For Fiscal Year 05-06 we will be proposing a new fee methodology that will address concerns related to fees and the additional hourly rates used in the current methodology. This matter will be set for your consideration at a public hearing on June 28, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call me at (323) 881-2401 or your staff can contact William Jones, Chief, Health Hazardous Materials Division, at (323) 890-4042.

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